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The following documents are cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2000-121967 (JAPAN AVIATION ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY LTD), published April 28, 2000;
- (2) Fouquet et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,699,462, issued December 16, 1997; and

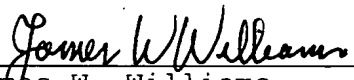
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- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 06-177838 (SUMITOMO ELECTRIC IND LTD SUMIDEN OPCOM KK), published June 24, 1994.

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